

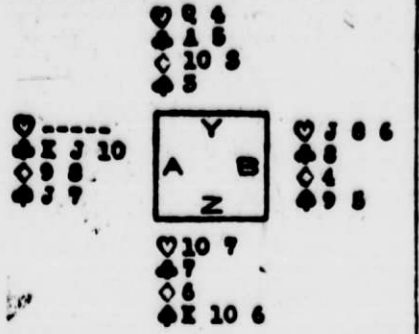
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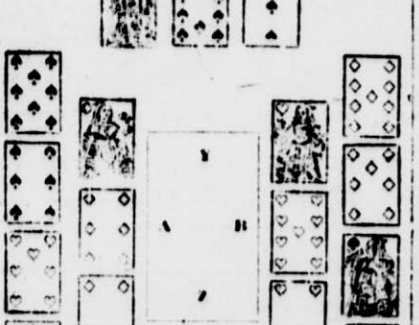
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Several of those who worked over No. 237 have written to suggest that although the solution was clear enough for an expert, it might be well for the benefit of

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William T. Call has just published a very interesting little collection of what he calls "Mistake Problems," in which there are never more than two pieces on each side, but the number and variety of these positions are certainly remarkable. While many of these little problems require a large number of moves and several variations to demonstrate the win, there are others which are sufficiently short and instructive to be extremely useful to the beginner, especially in the matter of securing the move. The author having kindly given THE SUN permission to reproduce some of these little gems, here is a sample:

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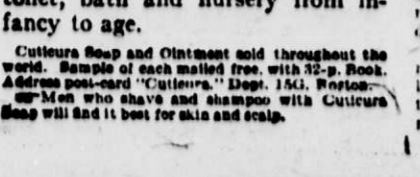
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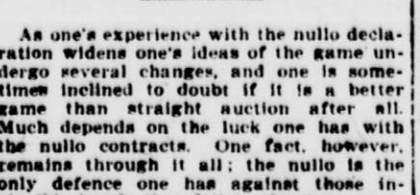
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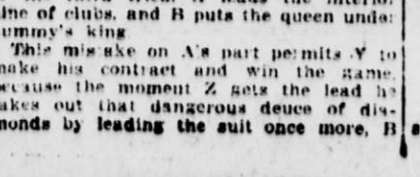
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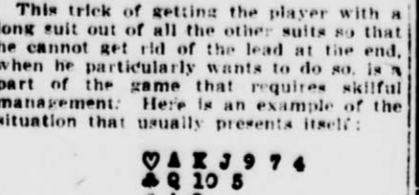
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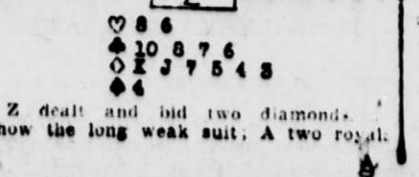
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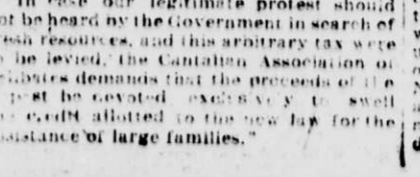
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